

In the Claims:

Please rewrite Claims 1, 5, 15, 19, 29, 33, 44 and 51 in their entirety as follows (the changes in these Claims from the previous version to the rewritten version are shown in Appendix A, with brackets for deleted matter and underlines for added matter):

Sub 4
1. (Twice Amended) A method of evaluating line item data, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying at least one line item;

accessing a database of excluded vendors and authorized vendors;

displaying a list of authorized vendors and a list of excluded vendors that

C1 correspond with the at least one line item, wherein the authorized vendors are from the group comprising vendors with a preferred status, franchised vendors, or vendors that allow an upgrade;

accessing vendor data associated with the list of authorized vendors and the list of excluded vendors;

receiving a selection of at least one vendor from the list of authorized vendors;

and

receiving authorization from a claim handler to execute payment of the selected at least one line item.

C2 5. (Twice Amended) The method of Claim 50 wherein the step of authorizing a vendor transfer further comprises the step of receiving a selection of the availability of the upgrade.

Sub 5
C3 15. (Twice Amended) A system for evaluating line item data, comprising:

a processor for executing programs; and

a memory for storing a program executable by the processor, the stored program including instructions for (i) displaying at least one line item; (ii) accessing a database of vendors having a list of authorized vendors and a list of excluded vendors ; (iii) displaying the list of authorized vendors and the list of excluded vendors that correspond with the at least one line item, wherein the authorized vendors are from the group comprising vendors with a preferred status, franchised vendors, or vendors that allow an upgrade; (iv) accessing vendor data

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C3 associated with the list of authorized vendors and the list of excluded vendors; (v) receiving a selection of at least one vendor from the list of authorized vendors; and (vi) receiving authorization from a claim handler to execute payment of the selected at least one line item.

C4 19. (Twice Amended) The system of Claim 53 wherein authorizing a vendor transfer includes receiving a selection of an availability of the upgrade.

Sub 56
C5 29. (Twice Amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method for evaluating line item data, the method comprising:

displaying at least one line item;

accessing a database of excluded vendors and authorized vendors;

displaying a list of authorized vendors and a list of excluded vendors that correspond with the at least one line item, wherein the authorized vendors are from the group comprising vendors with a preferred status, franchised vendors, or vendors that allow an upgrade;

accessing vendor data associated with the list of authorized vendors and the list of excluded vendors;

receiving a selection of at least one vendor from the list of authorized vendors;
and

receiving authorization from a claim handler to execute payment of the selected at least one line item.

C6 33. (Twice Amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 54 wherein the step of authorizing a vendor transfer further comprises the step of receiving a selection of the availability of the upgrade.

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C 44. (Once Amended) A method of evaluating line item data, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying at least one line item;

accessing a database having a list of excluded vendors and authorized vendors;